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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT

UNCLAS MARCH 14 (PASS TO VOA) TO DATE THE ONLY COMMERCIAL
WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE OF U.S. CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON EL
SALVADOR WAS UPI REPORT OF SALVADORAN SPOKESMEN CHARGES BEFORE
FRASER COMMITTEE. SATURDAY'S (MARCH 12) EDITION OF LEADING,
MODERATE LA PRENSA GRAFICA BANNERLINED THE UPI STORY
"U.S. INTERVENTION REJECTED." JUMP-PAGE ITEM WAS HEADED "U.S.
INTERVENTION IN EL SALVADOR IS REPELLED." CONSERVATIVE, HIGH
CIRCULATION EL DIARIO DE HOY GAVE PROMINENT INTERIOR PAGE COV-
ERAGE TO THE SAME ITEM USING THE HEADING "SALVADORANS
CRITICIZE U.S. CONGRESS." POPULAR, AFTERNOON TABLOID EL MUNDO
PLAYED UP THE REPORT UNDER THE HEADING "U.S. WOULD ENCOURAGE
TERRORISM IN THE NAME OF POLITICAL FREEDOM." THE MAIN THRUST
OF THIS UPI STORY, BASED UPON QUOTES FROM SALVADORAN MEMBERS OF
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SALVADORAN BUSINESSMEN (ANEP) WHO UNOFFICIAL-
LY SERVED AS SPOKESMEN DEFENDING GOES ACTION, WAS TO DISPROVE
EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY WITNESSES HOSTILE T THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT
CONCERNING ELECTION FRAUD AND POST ELECTION DEVELOPMENTS.
ACCORDING TO UPI, THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS STATED
THAT "WE FEAR THESE HEARINGS SET A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR EVERY
LATIN AMERICAN NATION...WHAT RIGHT HAS THE UNITED
STATES CONGRESS TO ASSUME THE ROLE OF ARBITRATOR IN ELECTIONS
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HELD IN OTHER COUNTRIES." THE ITEMHHONTINUED...."IF THE U.S.
CONGRESS BECMES A PROPAGANDA FORUM FOR DEFEATED POLITICAL
PARTIES, THE EFFECT WOULD ENCOURAGE
TERRORISM IN THE NAME OF
POLITICAL FREEDOM." IN A FINAL PARAGRAPH, THE GROUP WAS QUOTED
"PLEASE LEAVE US ALONE SO WE CAN PROCEED WITH THE TASK OF
DEVELOPING OUR SOCIETY IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR CULTURE

AND TRADITIONS."

DIARIO LATINO MARCH 11 CARRIED LOCAL STORY EVIDENTLY BASED ON
TELEPHONE REPORTS FROM UNIDENTIFIED MEMBERS OF ANEP AND HEAD-
LINED "U.S. TO CONTINUE AID TO EL SALVADOR."
THE MAIN THRUST OF THIS ARTICLE WAS THAT THE ANEP MEMBERS ARE

ABLE TO PERSUADE THE SUB-COMMITTEE NOT TO INTERVENE IN SALVADORAN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HIGHLY INFLAMMATORY OPEN LETTERS CONDEMNING
"U9S. INTERVENTION IN SALVADOR'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS", WRITTEN BY
POLITICAL CRANK DR RICARDO JIMENEZ CASTILLO, WERE GIVEN INSIDE PAGE
PLACEMENT BY DIARIO LATINO AND EL MUNDO (MARCH 9. JIMENEZ CASTILLO,
LONG-TIME LAWYER WELL KNOWN FOR HIS POLITICAL TIRADES,
CRITICIZED THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S STANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS
IN AN INCOHERENT, RAMBLING MANNER WHICH WAS ONLY
TENUOUSLY LINKED TO FRASER PROBINGS.
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